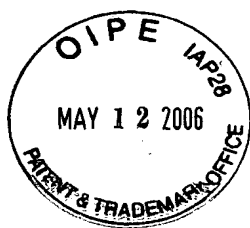


IFW



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, Virginia, 22313-1450 on May 9, 2006

*Rosalie A. Centeno*  
Rosalie A. Centeno Secretary

In the Application of Ralf Nowack

Ser.No.: 10/571,046

For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE REMAINING OPERATION LIFE OF CABLES

Filed on: March 3, 2006

Customer Number: 30996

Commissioner of Patents

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified National Stage PCT application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.